(c) and (d) More competition is enabled through more number of players and may result in better service to customer including competitive STD rates.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

Statement

List of National long distance service licensees

1.	M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Incumbent Operator
2	M/s Bharti Airtel Limited	Licence signed on 29.11.2001
3	M/s Reliance Infocomm Limited	Licence signed on 28.01.2002
4	M/s Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Licence signed on 8.02.2002
5	M/s Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd	. Licence signed on 10.05.2006
6	M/s Power Grid Corpn. of India Ltd.	Licence signed on 05.07.2006
7	M/s Rail Tel Corpn. of India Ltd.	Licence signed on 07.07.2006
8	M/s HCL Infinet Ltd.	Licence signed on 11.07.2006
9	M/s i2i Enterprises Ltd.	Licence signed on 11.07.2006

List of Inter National Long distance service licensees

1	M/s Reliance Infocomm Limited	Licence signed on 25.02.2002
2	M/s Bharti Airtel Limited	Licence signed on 14.03.2002
3	M/s Data Access (India) Limited	Licence signed on 27.03.2002
4	M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Licence signed on 29.01.2003
5	M/s Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Licence signed on 05.02.2004
6	M/s i'2i Enterprises Ltd.	Licence signed on 11.07.2006

Telephone connections issued by private operators

283. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases of many mobile telephone connections in the name of one subscriber issued by certain private operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps that have been taken or proposed to be taken to curb this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS' AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) As per license conditions, the mobile telephone service providers are required to ensure adequate verification of each and every customer before enrolling him as subscriber. Instructions in this regard have been issued from time to time to all the service providers. This includes obtaining proof of identity and address from the subscribers.

It was brought to the notice of the Department of Telecom (DoT) that the mobile service providers are generally not complying with the requirement of subscriber verification. DoT carried out special drive to check this in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and the State of Haryana. It was observed that all the service providers in these places are not fully complying with the instructions on subscriber verification.

Notices have been issued to concerned service providers in the above areas to disconnect such connections that have been provided without proper verification and also to explain why action should not be taken against them for not complying with the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement.

E-pollution caused by mobile phone towers

†284. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of e-pollution caused by mobile phone towers etc.;

(b) if so., the steps being taken to control the same.

(c) whether any parameters have been set for controlling e-pollution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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